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2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Key events

- Payment of **268 M€ dividends** to Vitrufin, enabling **Vitrufin** to **reimburse its senior loan** in January 2019
- Rating of Ethias SA's Insurer Financial Strength upgraded from BBB+ to A- with outlook stable in January 2019
- Closing of the sale of remaining First A portfolio in September 2018
- Continuation of our strategic plan aiming at reinforcing Ethias positioning as Nr 1 in Direct, in Digital and Leader in the public sector

Financial results

- IFRS: Net income 183 M€ (+16% compared to 2017); Operational result 194 M€
- BEGAAP : Net income 170 M€ (+60% compared to 2017) ; Operational result 177 M€
- **Solvency** ratio : **181%** (183% at end 2017)
- IFRS Equity: 2,293 M€ compared to 2,475 M€ at end 2017

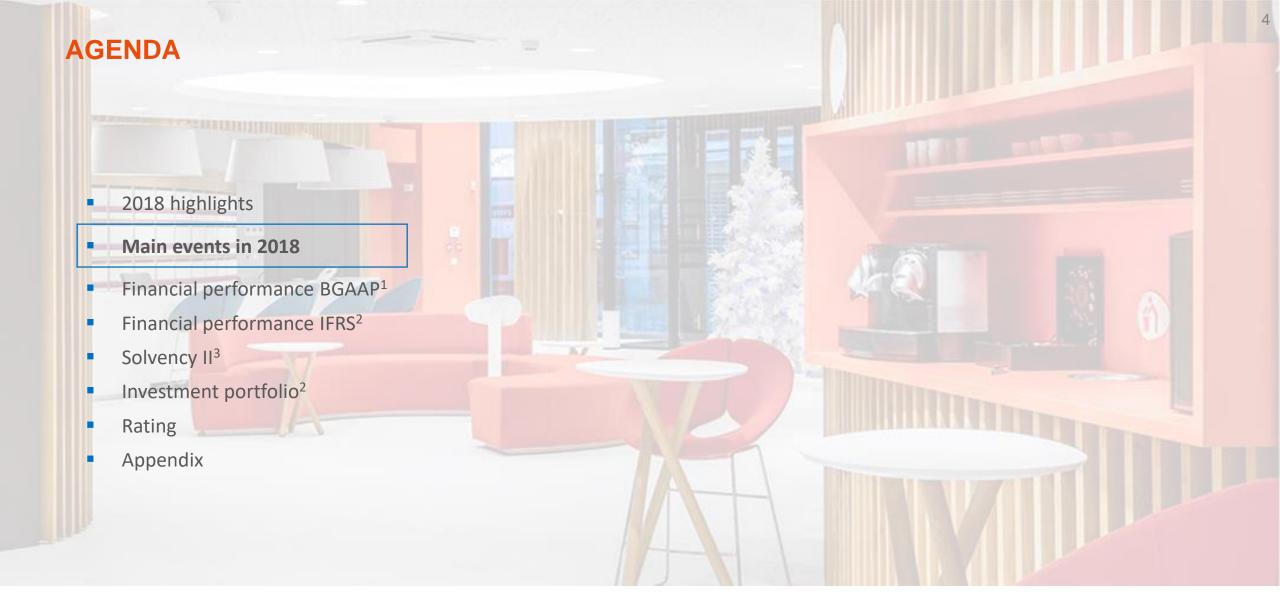
Performance Non Life (IFRS)

- Non Life:
- Gross written premiums 1,382 M€ (+3.6%)
- Operational result **167 M€**
- Combined ratio 94.6%

Performance Life (IFRS)

- Life:
- Gross written premiums 1,302 M€ (+17.7%)
- Operational result 38 M€





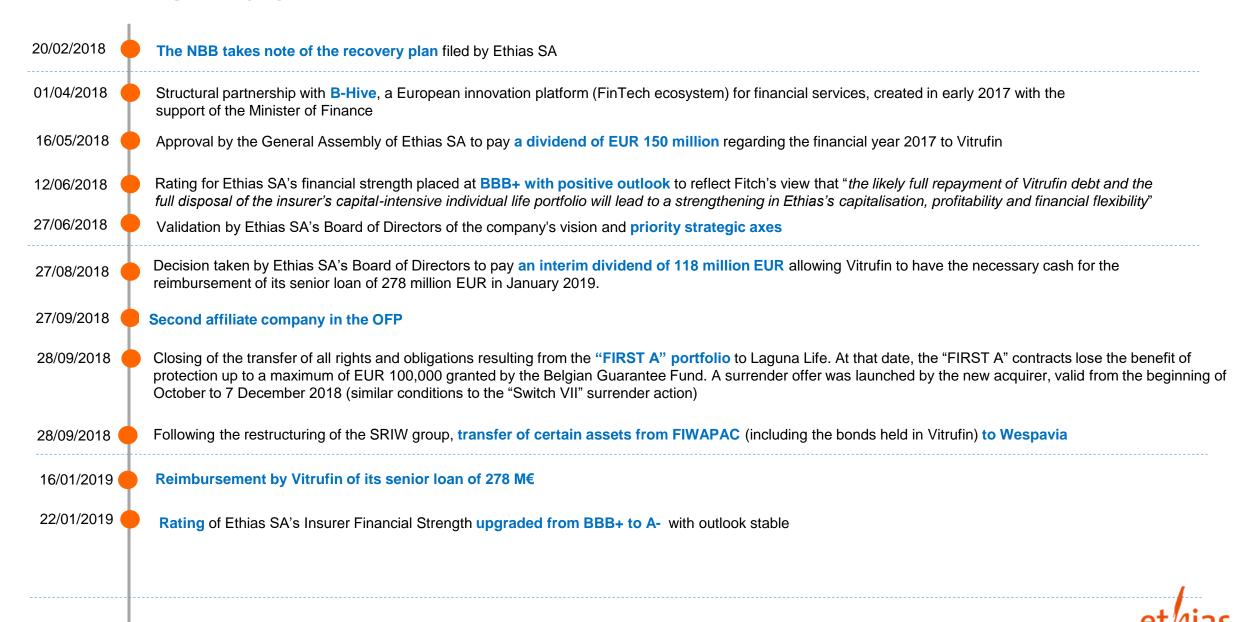
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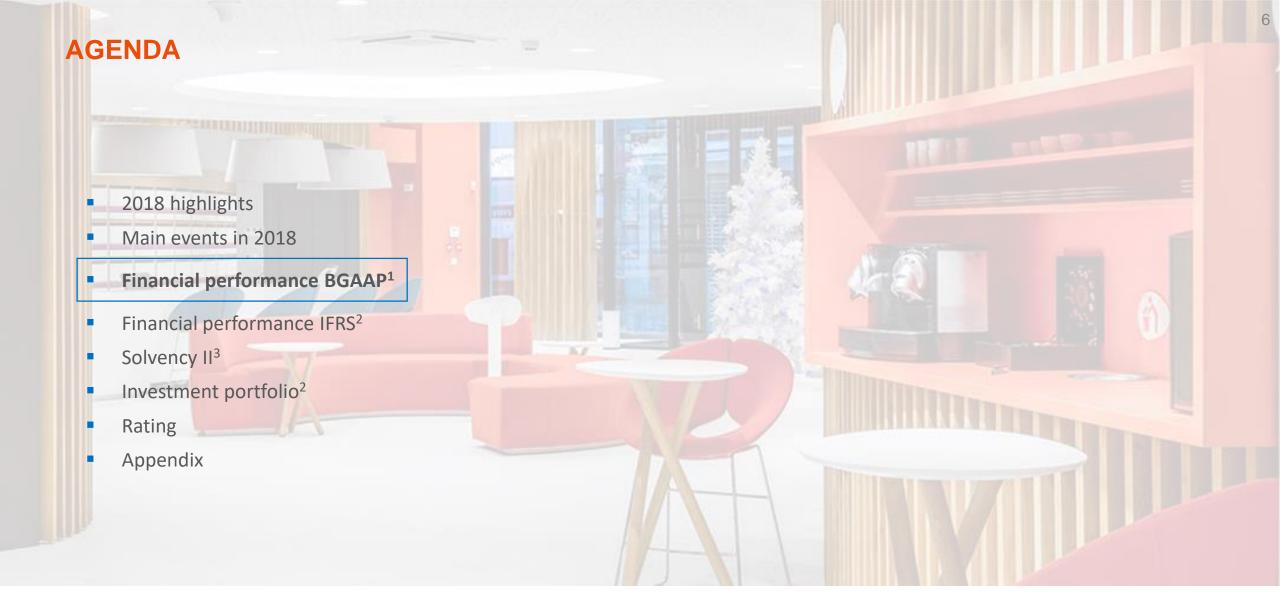


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MAIN EVENTS IN 2018





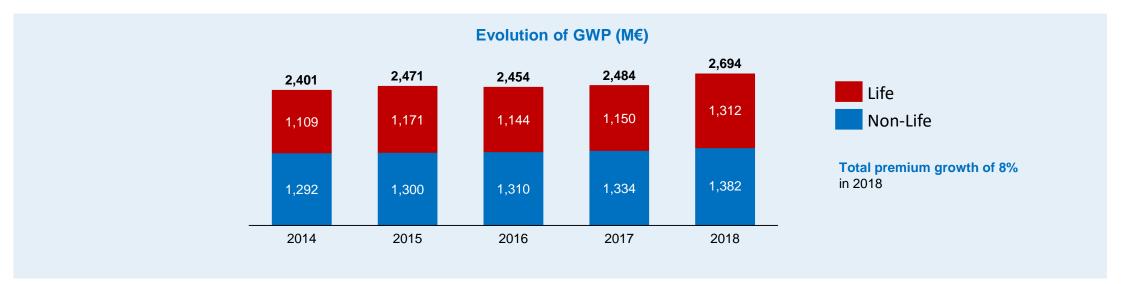
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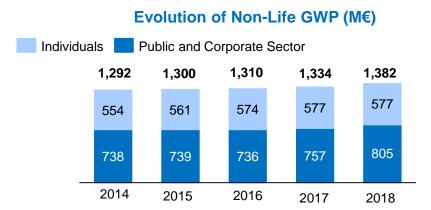


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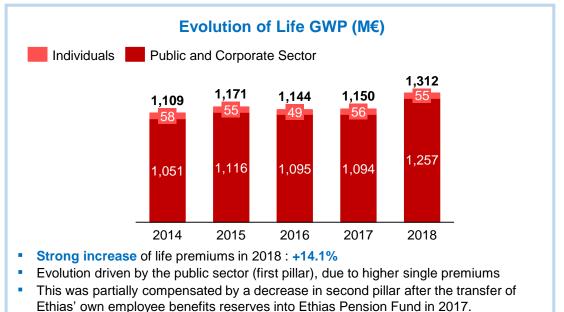
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EVOLUTION OF NON-LIFE AND LIFE PREMIUMS





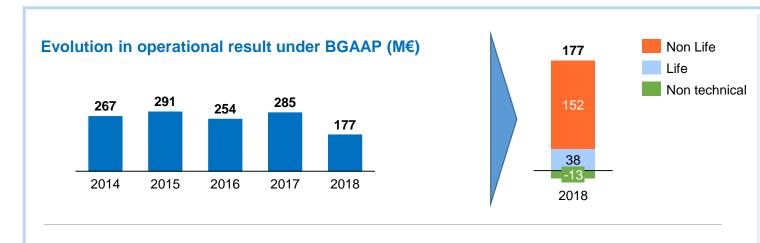
- Increase of non-Life premiums by 3.6% in 2018
- Premium increase in Worker's Compensation following the acquisition of the "Worker's Compensation Law 1967" portfolio (public sector) from Ethias DC and increase in the number of new businesses in "Worker's Compensation Law 1971" (corporate sector)
- Public & Corporate : higher premiums from brokerage channel
- Retail : decreasing premiums in Car offset by other products



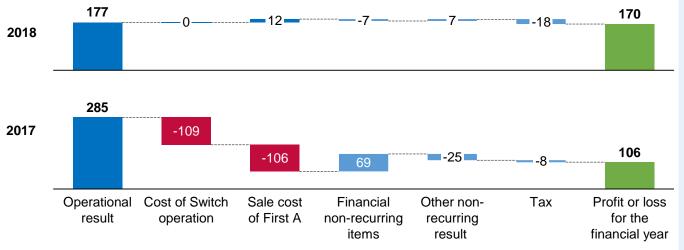
Still no new business in savings products in Life Retail



EVOLUTION IN OPERATIONAL RESULT



From the operational result to net result under BGAAP* (M€)



- The operational result amounts to 177 M€ in 2018
 - The main contribution still comes from the Non-Life activity for 152 M€
 - while the Life activity accounts for 38 M€.
- The operational result decreases in 2018, but the non life operational result in 2017 was boosted by low claims in non life as well as a release on previous years' reserve.
- The evolution of the operational result in non life (from 228 M€ to 152 M€) is further explained by the following factors:
 - A deterioration in the claims charge of Car and Worker's Compensation
 - The impact of climate events for €14M (not significant in 2017)
 - Lower reserve release on prior years

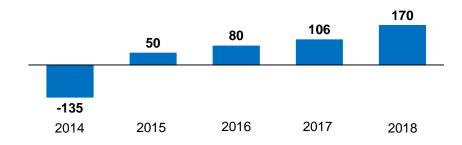
An action plan has been put in place to improve the Non-Life operational result.

- The life operational result decreased (from 75 M€ to 38 M€) due to :
 - The continuous pressure due to the low interest rate environment
 - · Higher claims in illness and disability
 - A lower life margin consecutive to transfers from branch 21 to branch 23
- Operating costs are under control despite large IT investments (digitalization and new Non-Life platform, still ongoing).
- The non recurring results include
 - Capital gains on real estate and bonds
 - Offset by impairment on shares following strongly decreasing equity market in Q4
 - And a downward adjustment of the final sale price of portfolio First A
- The net result jumps from 106 M€ to 170 M€ in 2018, despite a higher cost of tax (-18 M€ instead of -8 M€). Ethias benefits from tax losses carried forward.
- There has not been any allocation to the flashing-light reserve neither in 2017 nor in 2018 thanks to the successful completion of the exemption criteria.

^{*} Before transfers to untaxed reserves

EVOLUTION IN NET RESULT

Evolution in net result under BGAAP (M€)

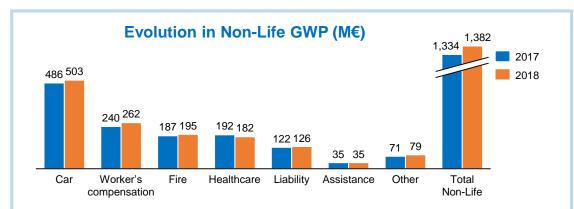


The increase in net result is mainly explained by the closing of the First exit program as from 2018 (without large negative exceptional impact as in 2017)

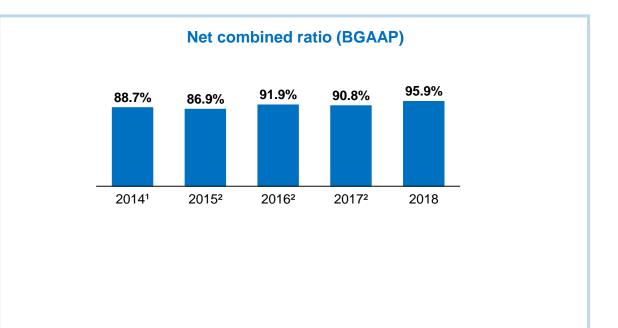
Evolution in net result under BGAAP (M€) - Breakdown

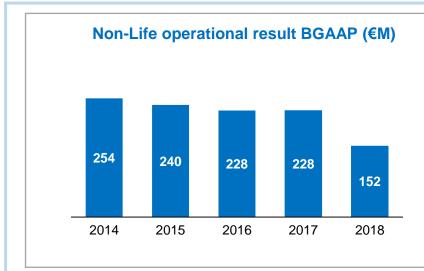
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Non-Life technical result	263	298	255	244	145
o/w Technical Items	330	366	316	363	290
o/w Financial revenues	133	133	153	125	90
o/w Expenses	(200)	(201)	(214)	(244)	(235)
Life technical result	(28)	(300)	(320)	24	37
o/w Technical Items	(594)	(766)	(693)	(373)	(218)
o/w Financial revenues	600	491	406	435	282
o/w Expenses	(34)	(25)	(33)	(38)	(27)
Non-technical result	(366)	56	148	(158)	6
Taxes	(4)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(18)
Net result	(135)	50	80	106	170

FOCUS ON NON-LIFE BUSINESS



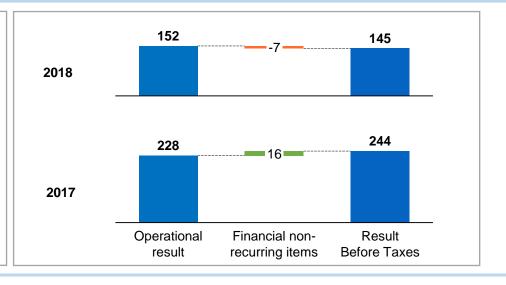
- Premium income increase in Worker's Compensation following the acquisition of the "Worker's Compensation Law 1967" portfolio (public sector) from Ethias DC (previously reinsured at 95% by Ethias SA) and increase in the number of new businesses in "Worker's Compensation Law 1971" (corporate sector)
- Public & Corporate : higher premiums from brokerage channel
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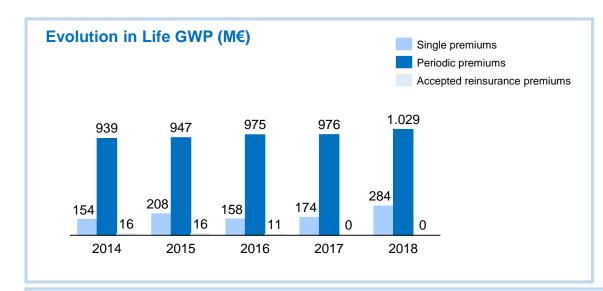
Decrease in operational result compared to 2017 (exceptionally at a very good level) due to:

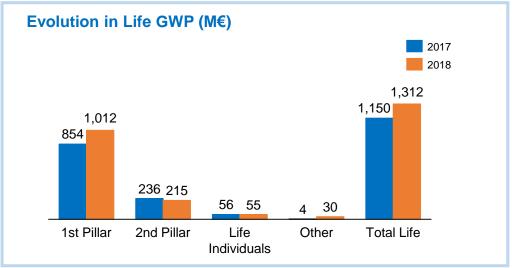
- Higher claims charge in Car and Worker's Compensation
- Adverse weather impact
 €14M (was non-significant in 2017)
- Lower reserve releases on prior years



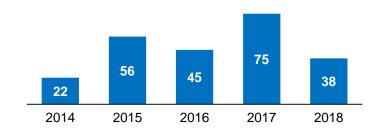
¹ Based on internal calculations; ² Based on Assuralia formula

FOCUS ON LIFE BUSINESS

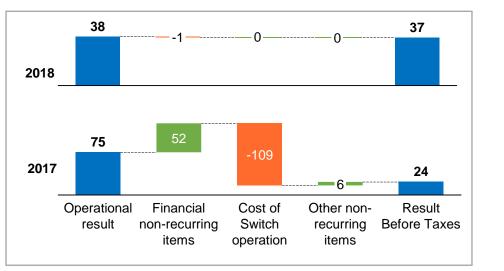




Life operational result BGAAP (M€)

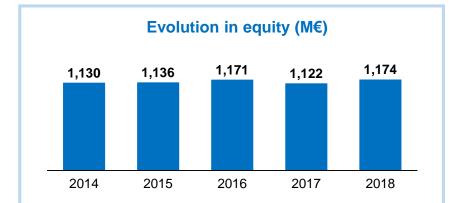


- The life operational result decrease is related to :
 - The continuous pressure due to the low interest rate environment
 - Higher claims in illness and disability
 - A lower life margin consecutive to transfers from branch 21 to branch 23

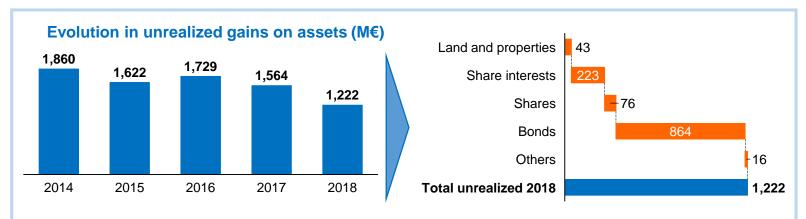




OTHER KEY ELEMENTS

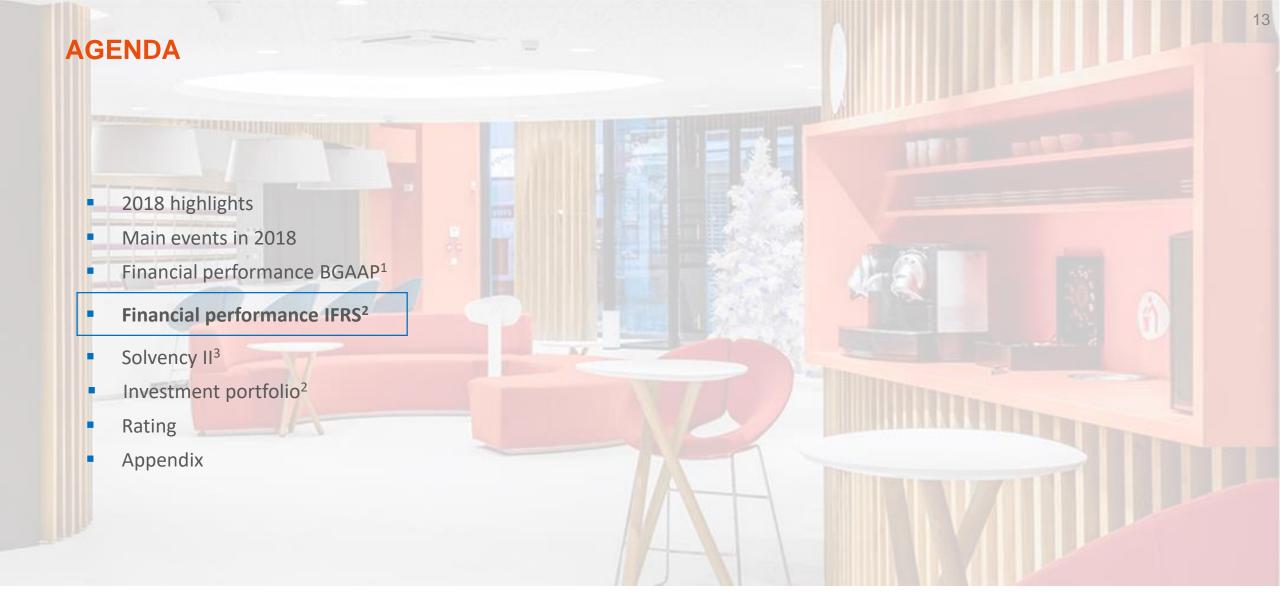


- Own funds increased by 52 M€ in 2018
- The net result of 170 M€ was partially offset by the distribution of an interim dividend of 118.4 M€ based on Q2 2018.



- Decrease in unrealized gains in 2018 mainly due to the increase in credit spreads
- Decrease in unrealized gains more than compensated by a decrease in liabilities in market value in S2





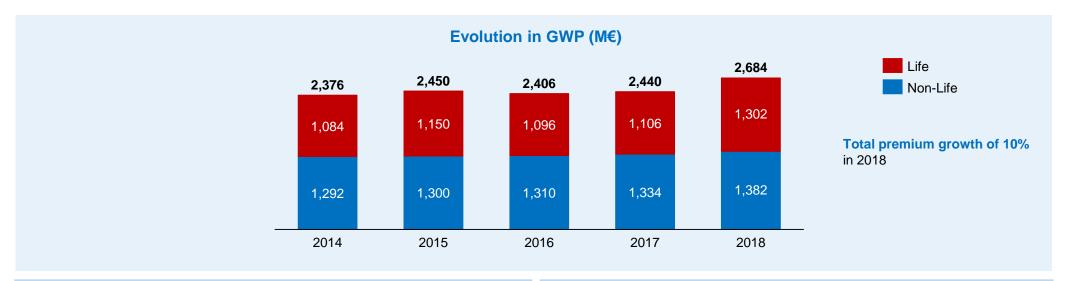
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EVOLUTION OF NON-LIFE AND LIFE PREMIUMS



Evolution in Life GWP (M€)

1,096

1,047

2016

Evolution driven by the public sector (first pillar), due to delayed contributions

1,106

1,050

2017

1,302

1,247

2018

Individuals Public and Corporate Sector

1,097

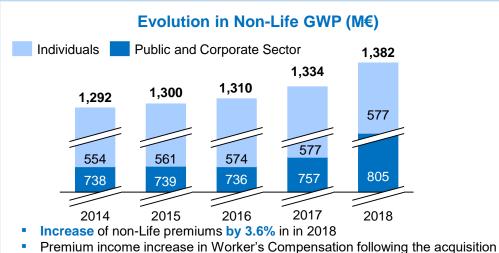
2015

Strong increase of life premiums in 2018: +17.7%

1,026

2014

and higher single premiums



DC and increase in the number of new businesses in "Worker's

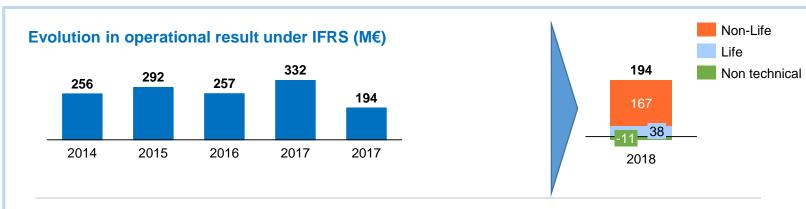
Public & Corporate : higher premiums from brokerage channel Retail : decreasing premiums in Car offset by other products

Compensation Law 1971" (corporate sector)

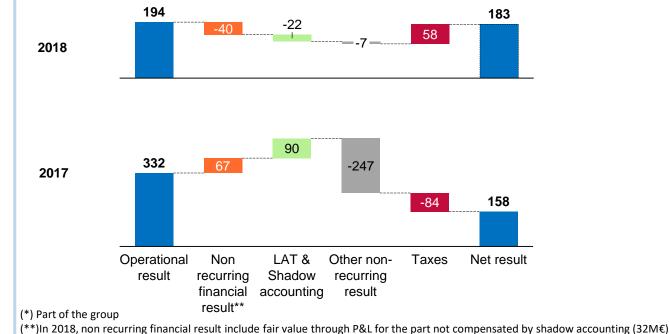
of the "Worker's Compensation Law 1967" portfolio (public sector) from Ethias



EVOLUTION IN OPERATIONAL RESULT (*)



From the operational result to group result under IFRS (M€)

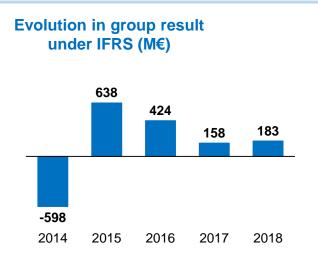


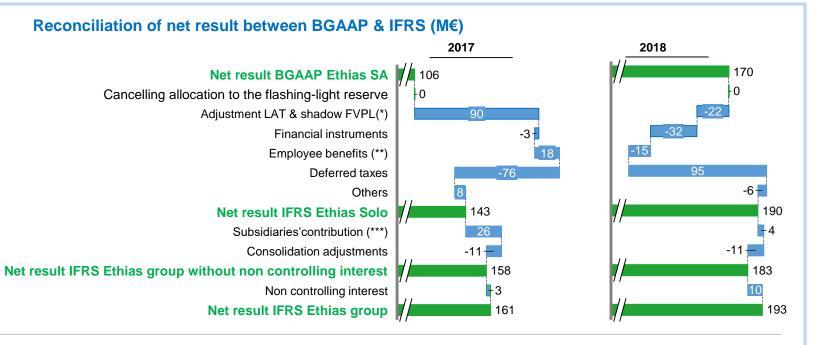
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- The evolution of the operational result in non life (from 264 M€ to 167 M€) is further explained by the following factors :
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An action plan has been put in place to improve the Non-Life operational result.

- The life operational result decreased (from 79 M€ to 38 M€) due to :
 - The continuous pressure due to the low interest rate environment.
 - · Higher claims in illness and invalidity
 - A lower life margin consecutive to transfers from branch 21 to branch 23
- Operating costs are under control despite large IT investments (digitalization and new Non-Life platform still ongoing).
- The tax income is due to the recognition of recoverable tax losses.
- The group result increases from 158 M€ to 183 M€ in 2018.

EVOLUTION OF NET RESULT





Breakdown of net result under IFRS, without minority interests (M€)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Technical result	(439)	630	340	400	146
o/w Non-Life	242	306	278	299	143
o/w Life	(681)	324	62	101	3
Non-technical result	(332)	90	182	(158)	(21)
Tax	167	(87)	(98)	(84)	58
Net result	(604)	633	424	158	183
For reference :					
Net result BGAAP	(135)	50	80	106	170

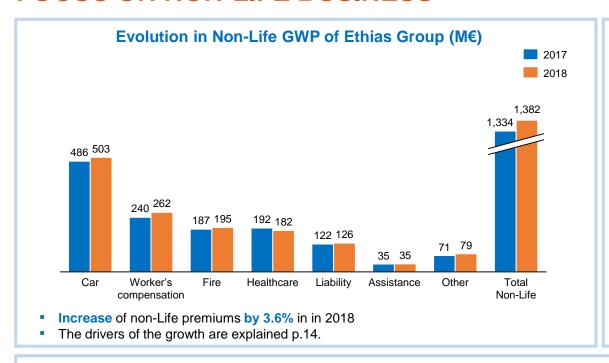
(*) impact of the refined LAT methodology as from EoY 2017

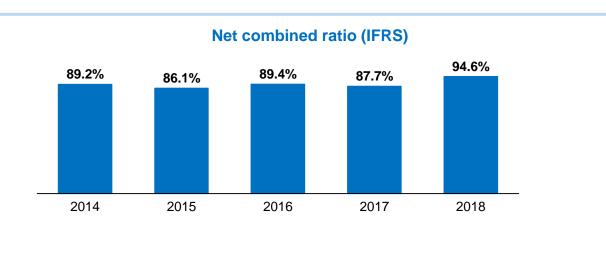
(***) Mainly NRB, Ethias Sustainable Investment Fund and Real estate subsidiaries



^(**) Namely includes the provision for the 60+ retirement plan (different valuation rules between BGAAP & IFRS)

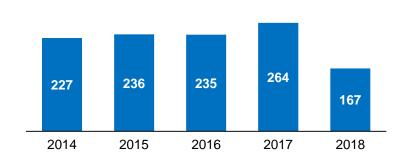
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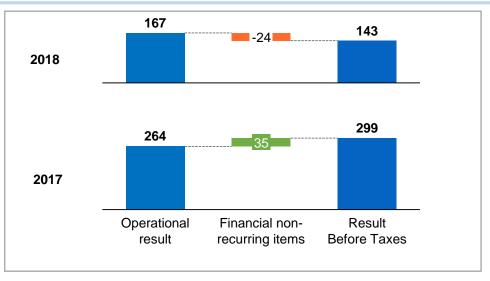


 The evolution of the combined ratio is driven by the same factors as the operational result.

Non-Life operational result IFRS (M€)

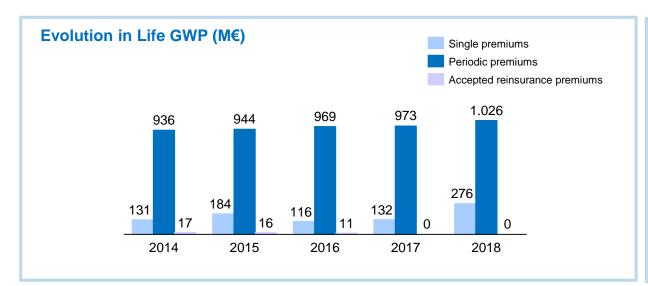


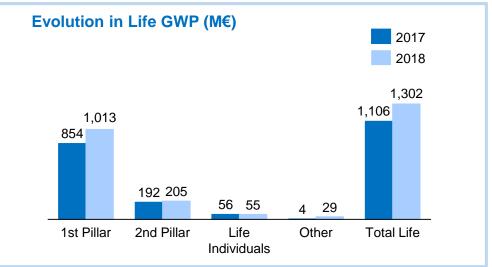
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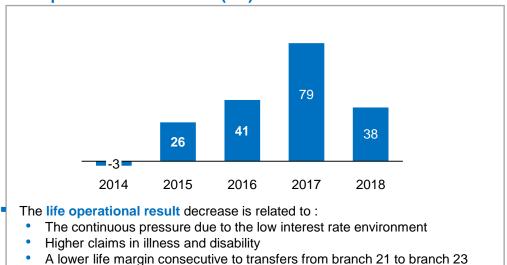


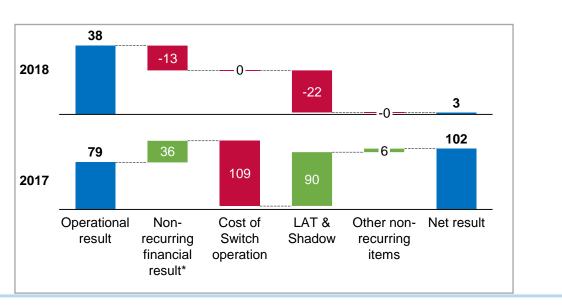
FOCUS ON LIFE BUSINESS





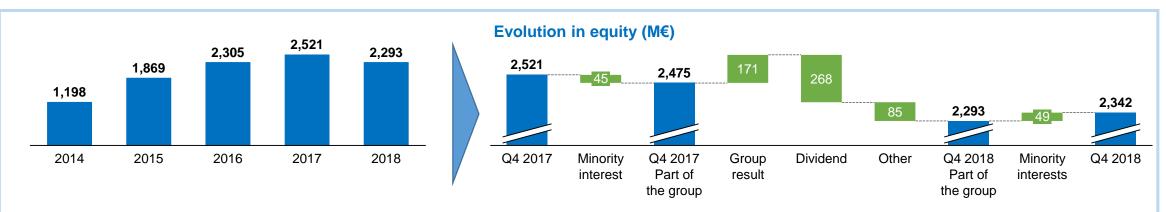
Life operational result IFRS (M€)







OTHER KEY ELEMENTS



The decrease in equity (part of the group) in 2018 is mainly explained by the combination of the following elements:

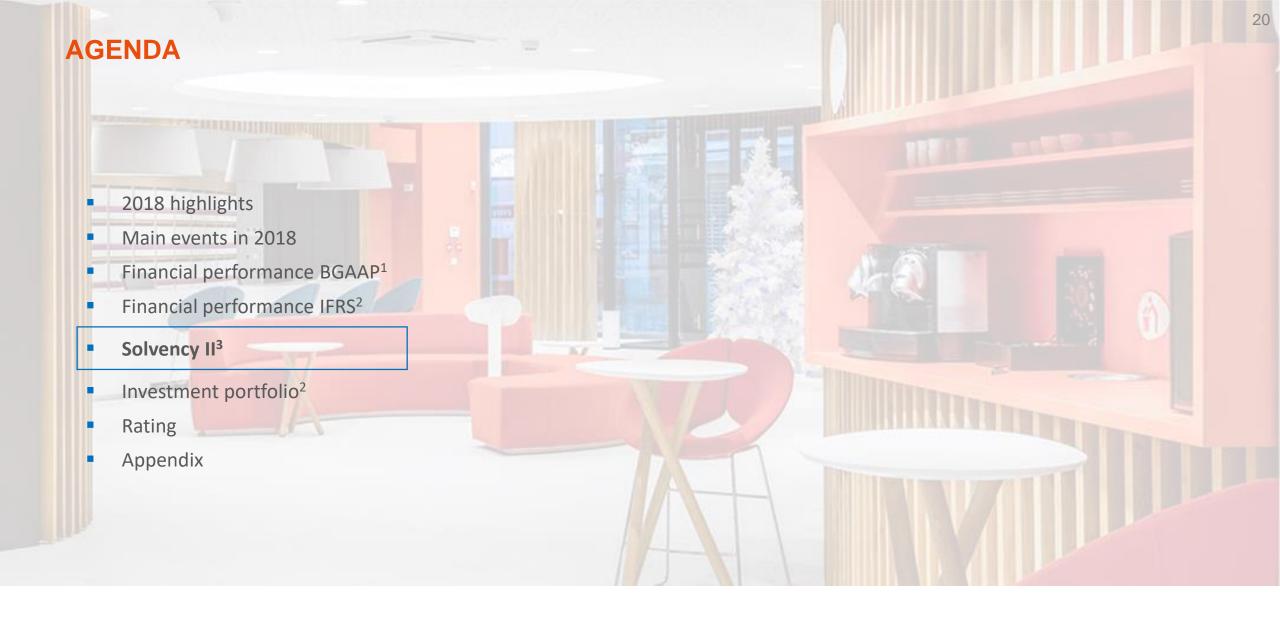
- the dividend payments : -268 M€
- the result 2018 : +171 M€
- the change in other equity items (-85 M€) mainly due to the evolution of financial market conditions (spread widening on bonds partially compensated by swap rate decrease).

Duration gap* 31-12-2017 (updated) 31-12-18 Liab. Duration Liab. Duration Assets Assets Duration Duration **Duration** Duration gap gap **Total** 6.81 7.96 0.36 6.91 9.04 (0.35)Total 4.99 7.55 (0.58)4.93 (1.25)7.86 Non-Life 0.10 (0.63)TOTAL

(*) Compared to the figures presented last year, the scope of the duration gap includes now the segregated funds (1st and 2nd pillar) and it takes also into account some methodological improvements. As from end 2018, financial communications will be based on the full scope.

- The sensitivity of own funds to a change in interest rates is now under control and does not present a major risk anymore.
- The actions taken in the last couple of years led to close the life's duration gap.
- The remaining non life duration gap is linked to the long liabilities in workers' compensation.





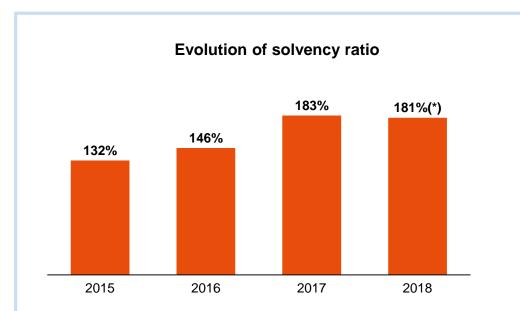
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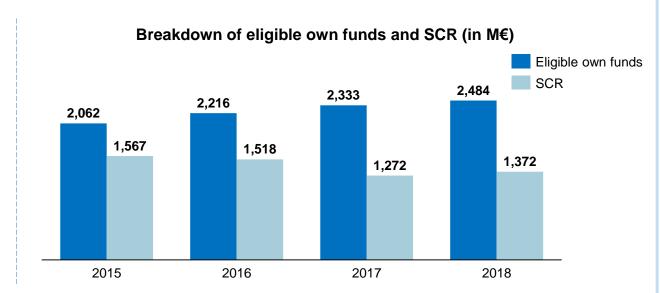


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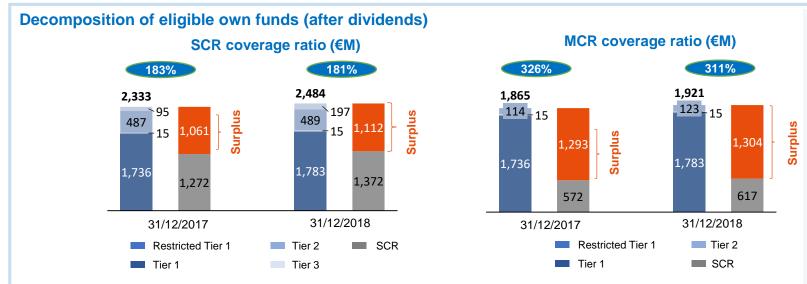
SOLVENCY II – WITH USE OF THE STANDARD FORMULA – AFTER DIVIDENDS (1/2)



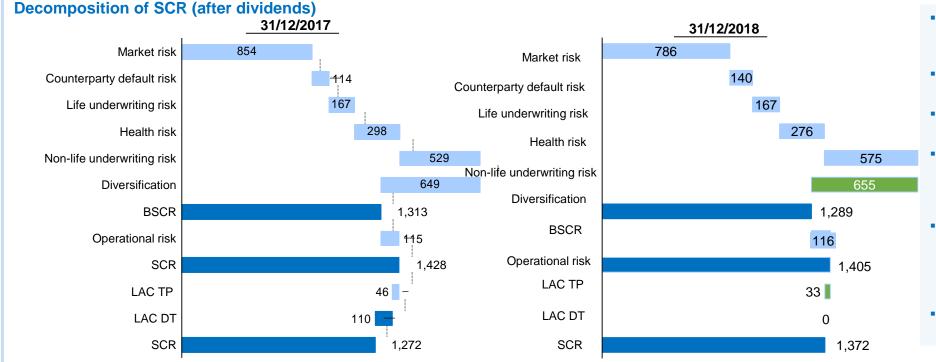


- The solvency ratio at end 2017 and at end 2018 were both impacted by the 268 M€ dividends that enabled Vitrufin to reimburse its senior loan in January 2019.
- The solvency level decreased slightly in 2018 due to the combination of different factors:
 - Assets' market values suffered from the crisis on the stock market in Q4 and from the increase in credit spreads, mitigated by the swap rate decrease
 - This resulted in a decrease in the Best Estimate of profit sharing in Life technical provisions and in a lower market SCR
 - Technical provisions in Non Life have increased mainly driven by increasing claims charge
 - DTA increased (recognition of recoverable tax losses).
- The solvency position remains well above the risk appetite tolerance limit (160%).

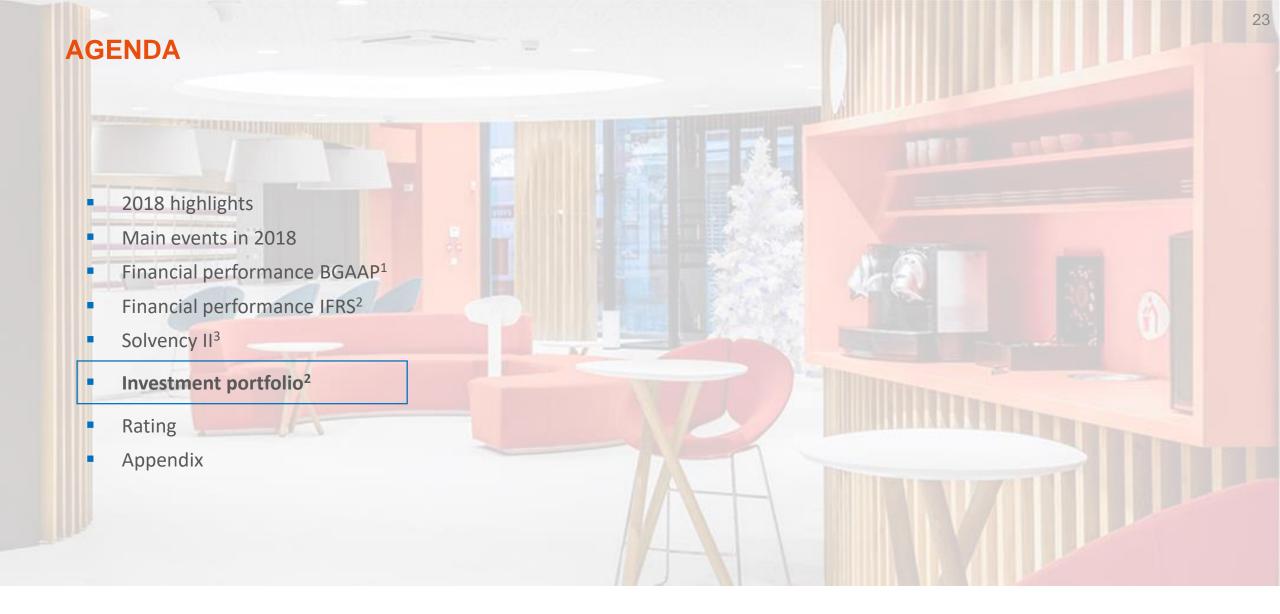
SOLVENCY II – WITH USE OF THE STANDARD FORMULA – AFTER DIVIDENDS (2/2)



- Very high quality capital structure: unrestricted Tier 1 SCR coverage > 100% as of Q4 2018
- Tier 1 restricted (15 M€) corresponds to the portion of the perpetual loan issued in 2005 not having participated in the exchange operation of November 2015
- Tier 2 includes, on the one hand, the subordinated loan of 75 M€ issued in 2008 and maturing in July 2023 and, on the other hand, the subordinated loan of 402.7 M€ in nominal value issued in July and November 2015 and maturing in January 2026
- Restricted Tier 1 and a part of Tier 2 capital (75 M€ in book value) are grandfathered under Solvency II
- Tier 3 consists of deferred tax assets
- As at 12/31/2018, not all available own funds are eligible
 - SCR coverage: the sum of Tier 2 and Tier 3 exceeds 50% of the SCR, inducing a cap in Tier 3 capital (€ 4,7M of available own funds are not eligible for SCR coverage)
 - MCR coverage : the eligibility limit is reached for Tier 2.



- Decrease in market risk related to the decrease in equities and bonds' market value
- Increase in counterparty risk due to the higher positions in cash and loans.
- Decrease in Health SCR thanks to lower CAT health SCR
- Increase in Non-Life underwriting risk due to the increase in Non-Life catastrophe SCR and to higher non life claims provisions
- The impact of diversification is higher due to the increase in the Counterparty default risk and the Non-Life Underwriting risk combined with the decrease of the Market Risk
- The LAC DT has vanished due to the increase of DTA



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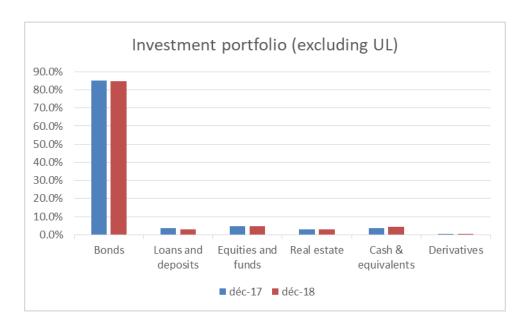


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INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (IFRS)

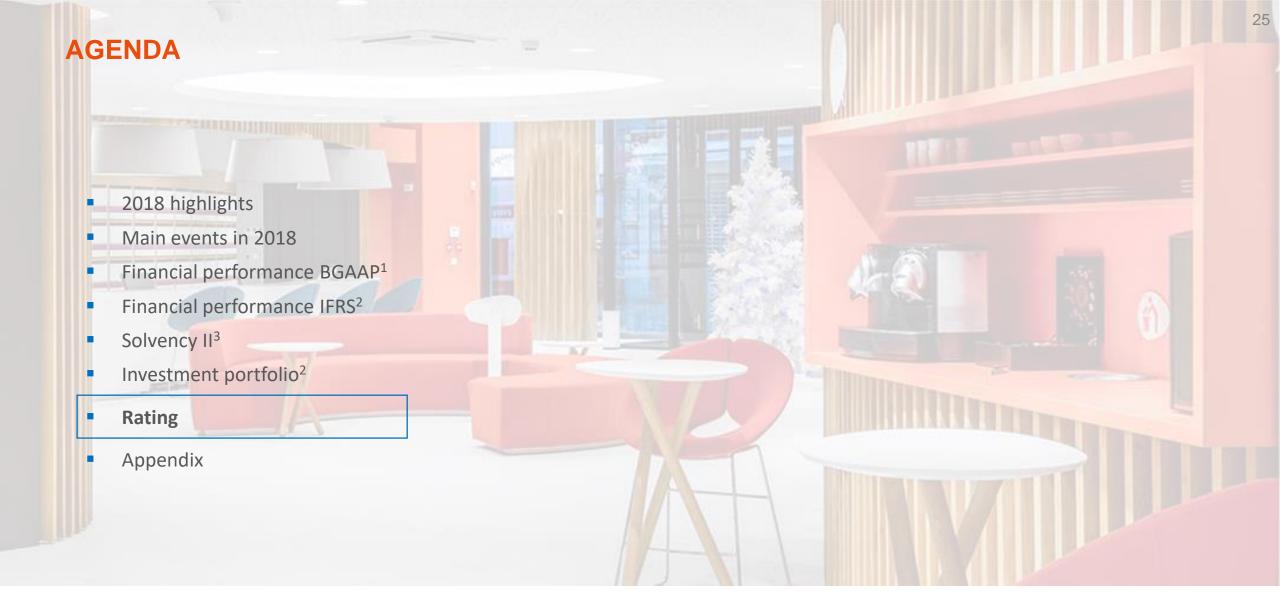
Investment portfolio by asset class (excluding unit-linked)



Book value in IFRS (excluding unit-linked)

Asset class (M€)	déc-17	déc-18
Bonds	14,476	13,559
Loans and deposits	594	482
Equities and funds	808	752
Real estate	488	465
Cash & equivalents	640	690
Derivatives	7	52
TOTAL	17,014	16,000





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RATING OVERVIEW

FitchRatings

Insurer Financial Strength	A -	Outlook stable
Long-Term Issuer Default Rating	BBB+	Outlook stable
Subordinated Debt Rating	BBB-	
Last update	22 January	2019

Selected extracts from Fitch press release 22 January 2019

"The upgrade follows the full repayment of Vitrufin's (Ethias's parent) debt on 16 January 2019 and the full disposal of Ethias's capital-intensive individual life portfolio in September 2018."

"In Fitch's view, these two achievements mark the completion of a multi-year action plan that has resulted in a strengthening in capitalisation, financial flexibility and asset and liability management (ALM) risk."

"The ratings reflect Ethias's **strong capital position** and strong business profile in Belgium. These strengths are counterbalanced by **moderate profitability**."

"Ethias reported a Solvency II capital ratio of 181% at end-September 2018, excluding transitional arrangements, slightly down from 183% at end-2017."

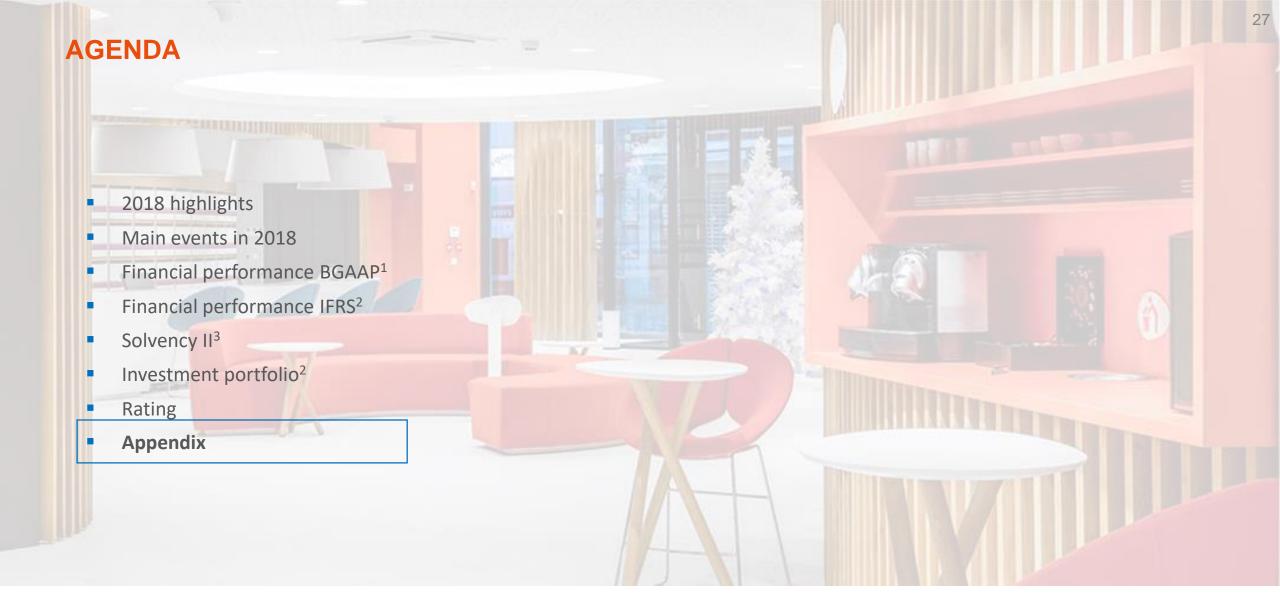
"Ethias had a 'Very Strong' score under Fitch's Prism Factor-Based Capital Model (Prism FBM) at end-2017, after deduction of the EUR268 million dividends. The agency estimates that Ethias will have maintained its 'Very Strong' score at-end 2018."

"Fitch regards Ethias's profitability as good, driven by the non-life business."

"Fitch expects earnings in 2018 to be less affected by non-recurring items and be more reflective of consistent technical results."

"Fitch views Ethias's **investment policy** as **prudent**. The overall risk profile of the investment portfolio remains a **rating strength**."





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Consolidated balance sheet (IFRS)

	ı	42/2047	12/2010	In thousands of	
		12/2017	12/2018	Variations	
sets					
Assets		318.064	310.420	-7.64	
Intangible assets		173.014	179.487	6.4	
Tangible assets		145.050	130.933	-14.1	
Financial assets		17.184.764	16.483.646	-701.1	
Investment properties		487.806	464.639	-23.1	
Financial assets		15.886.409	14.845.785	-1.040.6	
Investments belonging to unit-linked insurance contracts		810.550	1.173.222	362.6	
Other Assets		1.252.598	1.467.789	215.1	
Reinsurance assets		131.971	142.604	10.6	
Deferred taxes		346	99.229	98.8	
Trade and other receivables		455.420	503.879	48.4	
Cash and Cash equivalent		640.484	690.037	49.5	
Other assets		24.377	32.039	7.6	
TOTAL assets		18.755.425	18.261.854	-493.5	
bilities					
Equity		2.520.567	2.342.306	-178.2	
Share capital		1.000.000	1.000.000		
Reserves and retained earnings		1.093.762	996.951	-96.8	
Other items of comprehensive income		381.315	295.848	-85.4	
Non-controlling interests		45.490	49.507	4.0	
Liabilities		16.234.858	15.919.548	-315.3	
Insurance non-life contract liabilitie		3.794.875	3.864.559	69.6	
Insurance life contract liabilitie		9.767.049	9.164.549	-602.5	
Liabilities belonging to unit-linked insurance contracts		810.550	1.173.222	362.6	
Profit sharing liabilities		34.534	43.607	9.0	
		881.413	783.260	-98.1	
5		285.896	296.789	10.8	
Financial debts				-104.6	
Financial debts Employee benefits Provisions		150.291	45.628	-104.0	
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Financial debts Employee benefits Provisions Trade and Other payables		267.181	281.879	-104.6 -11.4 34.4	



Consolidated income statement (IFRS)

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		12/2017	12/2018		Variations
Gross premiums		2.439.530	2.684.033		244.503
Premiums ceded to reinsurers		-30.921	-40.256		-9.335
Change in the provision for unearned premiums and current risks		-2.013	1.821		3.834
Other income from insurance activities		5.287	5.268		-19
Revenues from other activities		259.211	278.622		19.411
Revenues		2.671.093	2.929.488		258.395
Net revenues from investments		478.900	460.068		-18.832
Net realized gains or losses on investments		84.769	49.981		-34.788
Change in fair value of investments through profit and loss		44.692	-117.201		-161.893
Net financial income		608.361	392.848		-215.513
NET REVENUES		3.279.454	3.322.336		42.882
Insurance service expenses	1	2.273.571	2.538.313		264.742
Net expenses or revenues ceded to reinsurers		-7.032	-28.413		-21.381
Management costs		287.410	282.892		-4.517
Expenses for other activities		424.962	287.947		-137.015
Operating expenses		2.978.910	3.080.739		101.829
Change in depreciation and amortization on investments (net)		9.700	22.705		13.005
Other investment financial expenses		15.404	54.557		39.153
Finance costs		30.307	29.367		-940
Financial expenses		55.411	106.629		51.218
NET EXPENSES		3.034.321	3.187.368		153.047
NET PROFIT (LOSS) BEFORE TAX		245.133	134.968		-110.165
Income taxes		-84.391	58.230		142.621
NET PROFIT (LOSS) AFTER TAX		160.742	193.198		32.456
Share of the associates in the result		-26	129		154
Net consolidated income		160.716	193.327		32.610
Group's share		158.054	183.321		25.267
Non-controlling interests		2.662	10.006		7.344



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